

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph of the specification with the following amended paragraph.

**CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 10/167,697, filed June 13, 2002, entitled "File Transfer System", which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/694,472, entitled "~~File Transfer System~~" "Methods and Apparatus for Secure Electronic, Certified, Restricted Delivery Mail Systems", filed October 24, 2000, which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,442,571, issued August 27, 2002; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/190,219, entitled "File Transfer System Using Dynamically Assigned Ports", filed November 13, 1998, which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,219,669, issued April 17, 2001; the disclosures of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference in their entireties. This application also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/065,533, in the names of Maurice Haff et al., entitled "File Transfer System For Direct Transfer Between Computers", filed on November 13, 1997; U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/085,427, in the names of Maurice Haff et al., entitled "File Transfer System", filed on May 14, 1998; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/100,962, in the names of Maurice Haff et al., entitled "File Transfer System", filed September 17, 1998; the disclosures of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.